

**AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION**

Please amendment paragraph [0023] of the specification:

**[0023]** The withstand voltage layer 12 has a volume electrical resistivity in the range of  $10^5\Omega\text{-cm}$  through  $10^9\Omega\text{-cm}$  at room temperature, and a matrix hardness of 80 JIS-A (relevant portions of the JIS standard are attached hereto in Appendix A and are hereby incorporated by reference) or less. If the volume electrical resistivity is lower than the range of  $10^5\Omega\text{-cm}$  through  $10^9\Omega\text{-cm}$  at room temperature, the voltage from the conductive support layer 13 might flow to the release layer 11. Further, in a commonly used blanket for offset printing, it is known that an ink transfer ratio drops if the matrix hardness is higher than 80 JIS-A. Thus, it is preferable that the matrix hardness is also 80 JIS-A or less in the withstand voltage layer 12.